

J. A. LEE'S ESTIMATE OF HIMSELF AS A SENATORIAL CANDIDATE.

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POPE'S RING DISAPPEARED FROM HAND OF DEAD PONTIFF.

Ring of the fisherman taken sometime between death and the morning following—disappearance interferes with ceremony of certification of death—Pope's Chamberlain Unable to Produce the Ring When Proper Time Arrived and Cardinal Oreglia Became Greatly Disconcerted—Effort to Suppress the News Proves Futile.

INCIDENT CAUSES TREMENDOUS SENSATION IN THE VATICAN.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Rome July 24.—(Copyright, 1903.)—Every effort is being made in the Vatican to prevent the news of a regrettable incident from leaking out.

The ring of the fisherman, which should have been found on the hand of the Pope, has disappeared. It is not so much a question of its material or its intrinsic value, for the ring of the fisherman is used to seal the papal bulls and is the outward sign of the authority of the Pope.

When the Cardinal Camerlengo certifies the death of a Pope he receives the ring of the fisherman from the Chamberlain of his Holiness. It is then destroyed in the presence of all the Cardinals at the first meeting of the Sacred College held after the Pope's death.

But when Cardinal Oreglia, the present Camerlengo, certified to the death of Leo XIII. Mr. Bissett was a prey to the deepest despair and had to admit that the ring had disappeared.

Cardinal Oreglia, as is the custom, had brought his declaration of having received the ring from the Pope's Chamberlain, all written out, but he had to put it back into his pocket.

It is believed by many that the ring was stolen. If so the theft must have taken place between the death of the Pope and the morning of the following day, when Cardinal Oreglia officially certified to his death. During this time a large number of persons entered the death chamber.

In order to prevent the scandal becoming known outside the Vatican, the Osevevatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, published a statement that Cardinal Oreglia

had duly received the ring of the fisherman in presence of the Cardinals and had destroyed it at the first meeting of the Sacred College. But as Cardinal Oreglia never received the ring, it is of course out of the question that the Cardinals could have witnessed its destruction.

The disappearance of the ring has caused a tremendous sensation at the Vatican, where it is the sole subject of conversation.

In the meantime in the certificate of death of Leo XIII all allusion to receiving the ring has been suppressed.

Friends of Mr. Bissett hope that when the seal is removed from the cabinets of the late Pope the ring will be found in one of them, but very little confidence is felt. The ring should never have left the Pope's hand, and every one denies having touched it.

The "fisherman's ring," which is one of the most highly prized emblems of the Roman Church, has been lost two or three times in the course of its long history, but has always been recovered.

It is said to have belonged to St. Peter, but it is known to have been first used about the year 1268.

The stone is of little value, but is engraved with a representation of St. Peter in an ancient fishing boat. The ring is the official ring of the investiture of the Pope and is used by him for the signing of briefs.

It is broken and remade on the death of each Pontiff, and when presented to the new head of the church he declares the name under which he desires to rule, which name is thereafter engraved on it.

POEM DICTATED BY POPE ON DEATH BED.

New York, July 24.—Pope Leo's last poem was written in Latin after his illness and translated by Professor Harry Thurston Peck for the Independent. It follows:

AT NIGHTFALL.

Leo, the destined hour! Now must thou hence,
And, as thy merits, take the endless way.
What lo! awaits thee? Heavenly joy, thy gifts
Which God had freely given, bade thee hope—
But the great Keys! A trust of mighty weight
And borne so long—thou groanest at the thought;
For he who leads in honor all the rest,
Must, if he fail, the keener suffering bear.
Amid thy fears there comes a gentle face,
A gentler voice speaks comfort to the heart:
"Why does fear shake thee? Why, on gazing back,
O'er thy long past, should sadness stir thy soul?
The pitying Christ is here: He gives his grace
To those that seek. Have faith—He heareth all."

LEADING TOPICS IN TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 4:54 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:51. THE MOON SETS THIS EVENING AT 8:01.

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS—SEPT. WHEAT 77 1/2c; CORN 55 1/2c; RYE 45 1/2c; BARLEY 40 1/2c. CHICAGO—SEPT. WHEAT 76 1/2c; CORN 55 1/2c; RYE 45 1/2c; BARLEY 40 1/2c.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Probably fair to-day; no decided change in temperature; east to south-east winds.

For Missouri—Fair and warmer Saturday and probably Sunday.

1. Says Lee Planned Trip to Orient.
2. Protest Change of Lindell's Name. Juries to Pass on Art Exhibit. King Edward Seen Dublin Slum Life.
3. Ascended the Scaffold With Smiles. Women Shot From Ambush. Governor Dockery Reviews Troops in Camp Dameron.
4. Fitzkane Won Brilliant Race. The Republic Form Chart. Drivers Fined; Bets Called Off.
5. Hard Hitting Beat Donovan's Tribe. Browns Whitewashed Cleveland.
6. Editorial. Valet C. F. Jones Said to Be Dead. School Fund Apportionment. Excursion Plans Completed.
7. Missing Cashier Buchanan Charged With Forgery. Talk for Peace: Prepare for War. Second Suit Against Daughter. Council Passes Belcher Water Pipe Line Bill.

8. Books of the Week. Washington Bookbinders Will Not Go on Strike. Women Use Coats to Save Man's Life.
9. "Joe the Turk" to Appear at Salvation Army Meeting. Christian Endeavor Topic.
10. Republic "Want" Ads.
11. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations.
12. Rooms for Rent Ads.
13. East Side News. Hertel's Nephew Kills Himself. Weekly Bank Statement. Wheat Steady in Chicago.
14. Announcement of Failures Excites Brokers. Securities Low, With Tractions in Lead.
15. Street Car Crashes Into Horse Reel. Dun's and Bradstreet's Weekly Trade Review. Opinions of Editors in Faulkner Case. Typhoid Fever in Kansas City Increasing.

August Sheels Stabbed. While quarrelling at the corner of East Grand avenue and Second street last night, August Sheels, 17 years old, of No. 118 East Grand avenue, was stabbed. Charles Vollmer, 18 years old, of No. 48 East Grand street, is charged with committing the assault. Sheels was arrested by Officer Mannebach of the Sixth District and a warrant will be applied for this morning. Doctor J. E. Rose of No. 108 East Grand avenue attended Vollmer and found a wound in his neck an inch and a quarter deep and three-quarters of an inch long, which the doctor thinks may prove fatal.

SAYS LEE PLANNED TRIP TO THE ORIENT.

Daniel J. Kelley Declares Former Lieutenant Governor Tried to Hold Up Concern for \$100,000.

SET PRICE FOR HIS EXILE.

Legislative Agent Asserts Bribery Correspondence Will Be Given to Grand Jury, Though Mrs. Kelley May Not Come.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Niagara-on-the-Lake, July 24.—To-day D. J. Kelley told The Republic correspondent that he was undecided about sending his wife to Jefferson City. Mrs. Kelley is adverse to the notoriety that she would gain by going over to the Missouri capital, but Mr. Kelley said he would place all the evidence in the hands of the Grand Jury which would show to the people of Missouri the man he claims ex-Lieutenant Governor Lee to be.

Mr. Kelley is looking decidedly better than he appeared last week, and proposes to remain here while the Queen's Royal remains open, which will probably be till the middle of September. Sitting on the wide veranda of the hotel, overlooking the placid Lake Ontario, Mr. Kelley discoursed for an hour on Missouri politics.

The Republic correspondent asked him why he presumed Lee had gone before the Grand Jurors of Cole County and St. Louis. Knowing that Kelley was in possession of the compromising letters which The Republic has published, Mr. Kelley replied: "Lee did not dream that I had preserved his correspondence, which, by the way, I had done in the ordinary course of business, as business men, you know, never destroy communications they receive."

BRIGHTENED HOPES.

"At the close of the last session of the Legislature, Lee was convinced that he had no chance to become Governor of the State, and he was chagrined, disappointed and revengeful. At one time he would charge Senator Morton and Senator Farris with defaming him in his ambitions; at another, it would be the newspapers. Again, it would be Colonel Phelps."

"He wrote me about his blighted hopes and I replied that he stood no show for the nomination for the governorship; that he lacked stamina and that people did not want to know him. I told him to brace up and get into some tangible business. I pointed out to him that the strong men of Missouri were men who have convictions, who stick to their convictions, and that these men would naturally overshadow him and put him out of business."

"He then wrote that he did not know what to do to make money, and much more in this strain, and desired my aid. About the next I heard was of the indictments, and on the last of May came the letter signed 'Sargent,' in which Lee offers to go into exile for a consideration."

"Subsequently I had a visitor at Montreal, well known in Missouri, who informed me that the representatives of certain large interests of Missouri had been approached by Lee and that \$100,000 was demanded of them as the price of Lieutenant Governor Lee's silence and his absconding himself from the country."

PLANNED ORIENTAL TRIP.

"Lieutenant Governor Lee's intention was to go to India or China and the plan was that Lee's representative was to receive a certain sum per month and at the end of three years he was to receive a balance which would be sufficient to put him into business."

"As soon as I learned the plans and purposes of Lieutenant Governor Lee, I communicated the facts and plans to certain friends in Missouri, and advised and urged that Lieutenant Governor Lee be prevented from leaving the country at the same time furnishing to these friends copies of certain letters of Lee's which I had, and some of which have been published."

"The men who were approached on this proposition should be forced, both by duty to their fellow-men and public opinion, to let the world know the truth about the trip, and next week submit the facts within their knowledge to the court, otherwise I may be forced to give further data to the public."

"I shall have these Lee letters in court. In fact, they are already in the hands of Morton Jourdan, and I shall do my duty to the full. I regret exceedingly that I cannot personally be present in court on the 25th instant."

FLAGMAN WENT TO SLEEP.

Train Ran Into a Pole Driver as the Result.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Armstrong, I. T., July 24.—A serious wreck occurred on the Santa Fe this morning at 10 o'clock, fourteen miles south of this city, north of the local freight train crashing into a pile driver working there. A flagman who had been sent down the track a half hour previous went to sleep and failed to signal the local. As there is a sharp curve at this point the engineer of the local did not see the pile driver until he was within a few car lengths and it was too late to stop his train.

The engineer, fireman and brakeman of the local jumped and were considerably bruised, some of the wreckage falling on them. Dan B. Hays, engineer of the pile driver, whose home is in San Antonio, Tex., was injured internally, and his left hand and arm crushed. His wounds are serious and he will not likely recover. George Champion of Honey Grove, Tex., fireman of the pile driver, was injured internally and his lower limbs paralyzed. His condition is critical. Tom Moore, a workman on the pile driver, received serious injuries. Two other members of the pile-driver crew were badly hurt.

All were brought to this city and were sent to the Santa Fe Hospital at Temple.

FOLK CLUB AT KENNETT, MO. Movement Started to Organize Throughout the County.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kennett, Mo., July 24.—An enthusiastic folk club was organized here to-day. A movement also has been started to organize others over Dunklin County.

Folk to Be Orator of the Day.

Browning, Mo., July 24.—The date for the annual meeting of the old settlers' reunion of Linn County has been fixed for Saturday, September 12, at Linneus. Joseph W. Folk of St. Louis will be the principal speaker. The oldest settler in the county is L. McMacham, 94 years old.

SUMMONS CHANSLOR TO JEFFERSON CITY.

Grand Jury Stenographer Will Be Witness at Trial of Frank Farris.

HAS TESTIMONY OF LEE.

Believed His Evidence Is Wanted to Corroborate or Disprove Story Which Former Lieutenant Governor May Tell.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

A. W. Chanslor, Grand Jury stenographer, was yesterday served with a subpoena to appear in Jefferson City at the trial of Frank Farris next Tuesday. Mr. Chanslor has taken all the testimony of John A. Lee before the St. Louis Grand Jury, and it is supposed that his evidence is wanted to corroborate or disprove the story which the former Lieutenant Governor may tell. There is some question as to whether the evidence which was given before the St. Louis Grand Jury can be used in the Jefferson City trial. This point of law will doubtless be argued and may have some weight in the case.

It is considered probable that Mrs. D. J. Kelley will appear in Jefferson City with the originals of the letters which her husband says were received from John A. Lee during the last two years. If these letters are introduced in evidence they will be used by the defense, though their introduction may be fought by the State.

Frank Farris has been in St. Louis most of this week. Thomas R. Gibson of Springfield is also registered at the Laclede Hotel. He was formerly cashier of the Steelville Bank, and has appeared before the St. Louis Grand Jury. He probably will tell of Farris's deposits in the Steelville Bank. Gibson is now connected with a Springfield trust company.

Representative Norvell of Steelville is also in the city, and registered at the Laclede with Harry Clymer, who made the race against Frank Farris during last year's campaign. Both of them have been in the city frequently during the last month. It is said that they will attend the Jefferson City trial.

John A. Lee denounces a letter given out for publication by Kelley, in which it is said that if the Lee-Kelley letters are produced in the Farris trial, they will be pronounced forgeries in part. He says that he is not the author of the epistle. No indictment could be returned for forgery unless another's name was signed to an instrument having a pecuniary value.

MAY PROBE BOODLING IN KANSAS.

William Allen White Confers With Circuit Attorney Fols. William Allen White, who has been in the city for several days, returned to his home in Emporia, Kas., yesterday after a conference with Circuit Attorney Fols. Mr. White is the editor of the Emporia Gazette, a well-known magazine writer and the author of several books.

A few weeks ago John A. Lee declared that D. J. Kelley had said he had bought the Kansas Legislature and that it was "cheap." Since then Editor White has been keeping things warm in Kansas by demanding that a Grand Jury be called in Shawnee County, where Topeka is located, and that the Kansas bootleggers be exposed and punished.

Kansas has had experience with several of the legislative subjects that have aroused so much discussion in Missouri. A slot-machine bill, similar to that in Missouri, made its appearance there, and it is said that bootleggers were used to carry the bill. School law legislation has always been a subject of scandal in Kansas, one of the big publishing companies of that State being interested in the matter.

Mr. White thinks that the Kansas bootleggers are a great deal cheaper than the Missouri articles, and in his paper calls them "pick-pockets" and "petitry thieves," who would take anything from a cigar to a \$500 bill. He does not think that any of them ever got more than \$500—a sum which would seem beneath the notice of one or two Missouri "potent legislators."

STREET RAILWAYS SHOW LARGE TRAFFIC INCREASE.

St. Louis and Suburban and Transit Companies Carry Several Million More Passengers.

Big increases over last year's business have been made by the St. Louis and Suburban and the St. Louis Transit companies, according to figures filed with City Register yesterday.

For the quarter ending June 30 the Suburban made 74,565 trips and carried 4,611,164 passengers, while for the corresponding quarter last year 65,074 trips were made and 4,022,890 passengers carried.

The report of the Transit Company shows that it made 1,267,454 trips, in which 23,421,152 passengers were carried during the period which ended June 30, while for the corresponding period last year 1,254,444 trips were made and 23,309,842 passengers were transported over its lines.

COSTLY BLAZE FROM RUBBISH.

Rettig's and Adams's Property on Chouteau Avenue Damaged.

Property valued at \$2,800 was damaged in a fire that originated from burning rubbish in the rear of No. 723 Chouteau avenue yesterday afternoon.

The house occupied by L. M. O. Rettig and Frank Adams of No. 723 Chouteau avenue was considerably damaged and the late Rettig's furniture suffered to the extent of \$100. Rettig's furniture was damaged \$100. The stock and building of A. Spiegel & Co. was damaged \$1,000. Damage to other buildings will reach \$1,000. Insurance covers Spiegel & Co.'s damage. Rettig's and Adams's furniture was not insured.

VIRGIE PARSONS LAID TO REST.

Woman Killed by Husband Buried at Paducah, Ky.

Paducah, Ky., July 24.—The body of Mrs. Virgie Parsons, formerly of this city, who was shot and killed by her husband, Samuel A. Parsons, in East St. Louis Tuesday, was interred this afternoon.

In his remarks the officiating minister, the Reverend G. W. Perryman, made a touching reference to the tragic death of the young wife, and paid a tribute to her splendid traits of character.

Miss Phelps No Better.

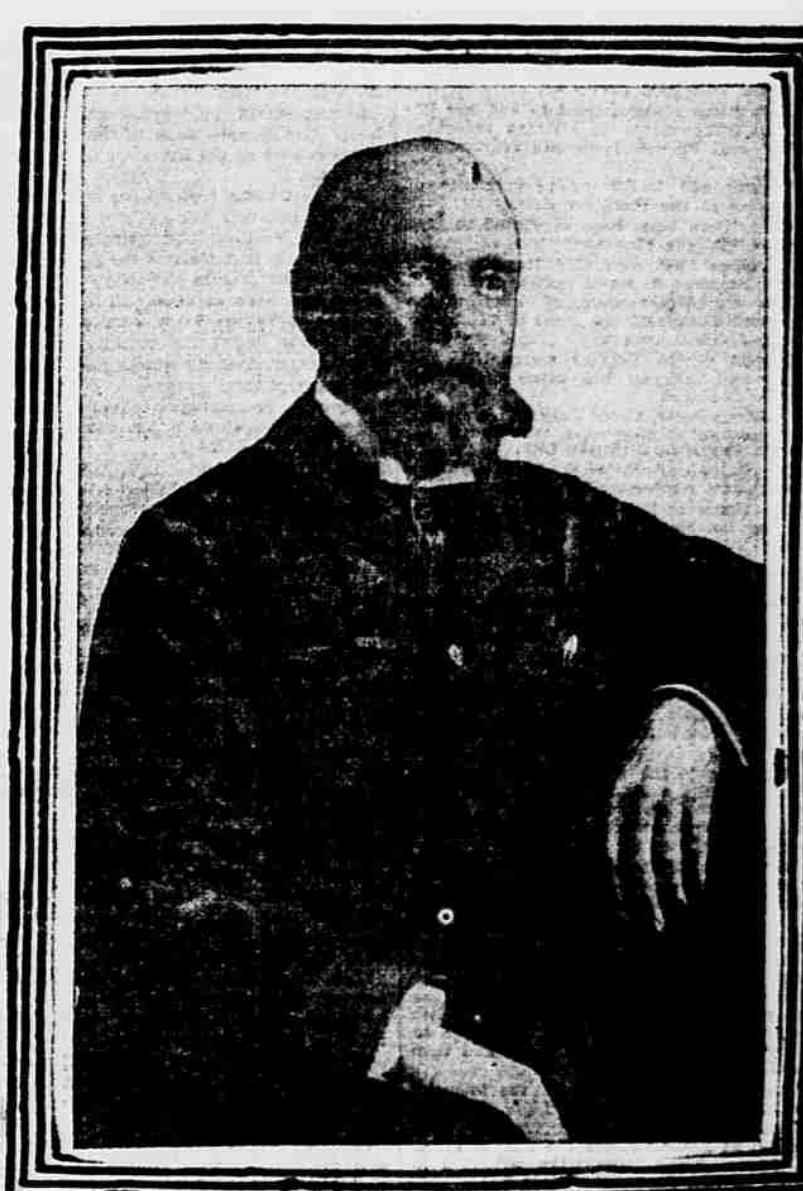
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Asheville, N. C., July 24.—Miss Helene Phelps is no better and no worse, according to a statement made by her physician late to-night. Colonel Phelps remains at the sanitarium, where she is a patient.

WALL STREET FIRMS COLLAPSE UNDER VERY HEAVY DECLINES; MAY AFFECT JAMES R. KEENE.

W. L. Snow & Co., the First to Make Assignment, Have Dealt Largely in Mexican Central Securities, Which Have Been Forced to Barely One-Third of the Price Prevailing Last Year—Talbot J. Taylor, Head of the Other Suspended Firm, Is a Son-in-Law of James R. Keene, and Foxhall P. Keene Is His Partner. He Had Been Concerned in Southern Pacific Pool.

WHITNEY AND HARRIMAN HAVE BITTERLY FOUGHT KEENES.



JAMES R. KEENE.

Famous Wall street manipulator of stocks, whose brokers, Talbot J. Taylor & Co., made an assignment yesterday. Just how far Mr. Keene may be affected by the failure is not clear, but it is known that he is the largest unsecured creditor of the firm. Talbot J. Taylor is James R. Keene's son-in-law, while one of Taylor's partners is Foxhall P. Keene, son of the veteran financier.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, July 24.—Incessant and heavy liquidation in the security market, which has worked ruin to stock and stockholders throughout the country, finally carried under two important stock exchange firms to-day.

In the midst of tremendous excitement on the floor of the Exchange the failures were announced of W. L. Snow & Co., and Talbot J. Taylor & Co., the latter probably the most important commission firm in Wall street.

In this firm's office James R. Keene, long one of the central figures in Wall street, and known as one of the greatest stock market manipulators of the day, had his headquarters.

Mr. Keene is the father-in-law of Talbot J. Taylor, the head of the unfortunate firm, and in addition, is the father of Foxhall Keene, a special partner in the same concern.

The collapse of the Snow firm was precipitated by the decline in the shares of the Mexican Central Railroad, of which W. L. Snow is a director.

To-day local banks refused to loan on the stock of the railroad, and this was the immediate cause of its inability to pay for stock purchased on Thursday.

In the case of T. J. Taylor & Co., the collapse of Southern Pacific, United States Steel and various other stocks in which the firm was interested, left it insolvent.

On Thursday night the condition of the firm was made known to several bankers, among whom were J. P. Morgan & Co., and it was expected that assistance would be extended to the brokerage firm, which had acted so closely for the Morgan interests.

These reports were used to hammer the shares further, and heavy losses were sustained. It was learned to-night that the condition of the Taylor firm was thoroughly canvassed by leading bankers on Thursday night, and it was then determined to leave the firm to its own resources.

The largest unsecured creditor of the Taylor firm is James R. Keene. It is not believed that the Taylor failure will be as large as is generally believed, inasmuch as the firm has been steadily selling stocks for weeks past.

During the morning liquidation it was patently evident to every one who saw the prices being made on the Stock Exchange that failure and business disaster must develop. Stocks were bundled out without regard to prices on intrinsic value. Prices rushed headlong downward in the most demoralized manner that has been witnessed since the present liquidation became urgent.

MINISTER RUMORS. TAKE DEFINITE FORM.

As the declines continued minister reports were circulated and finally these reports were used to hammer the shares further, and heavy losses were sustained.

Finally there came a perpendicular drop—a wide-open break, as it is known on the exchange—in Mexican Central from 17 to 11. At the latter price some sales were executed and there was a slight rally.

Later the news became general that there was an announcement of a failure to be made. Soon the chairman of the Stock Exchange rose and announced the first failure.

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ST. LOUIS GIRL NEARLY DROWNED.

Miss Stella White Caught by Undertow in Lake Michigan at South Haven.

RESCUER IS JUST IN TIME.

J. H. Beach of Springfield, Mo., Who Knows Little of Swimming, Hauls Her to Shore by Tremendous Effort.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

South Haven, Mich., July 24.—Miss Stella White of St. Louis, who is spending the summer here, had a narrow escape from drowning while bathing in Lake Michigan to-day.

J. H. Beach of Springfield, Mo., stopping at the Shamrock, saved her in the nick of time.

Miss White ventured beyond the danger line, when a high wave took her off her feet and the undertow was carrying her out. Mr. Beach heard her cry for help and went to her rescue.

She had gone under a second time before he reached her, but by a great effort he succeeded in getting hold of her arm as she was disappearing below the waves and dragged her to the beach in an almost insupportable condition.

Mr. Beach is a young man, active and powerful, but has lived the greater part of his life away from water and knows little of its force and cannot swim well.

The water in which he plunged to rescue Miss White was twenty to thirty feet deep with an undertow that a good swimmer might hesitate to brave. Miss White is in usual health to-night.

LEADER IN BUSINESS.

Springfield, Mo., July 24.—J. H. Beach is one of the leading business men of Springfield. He is 36 years old and was born near Jackson, Mich. Ten years ago he came to Springfield and has made his home here since that time. In 1890 he was married to Miss Jessie Moberly. He has no children.

Mr. Beach left Springfield a few days ago to visit his old home in Michigan.

PINIONED UNDER ENGINE CAB.

Engineer A. R. Layman of St. Louis Injured in Wreck.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Murphyboro, Ill., July 24.—A. R. Layman of St. Louis, engineer on Illinois Central engine 549, was seriously injured this afternoon by his engine being overturned at Harrison switch, one mile north of this city. The engine and caboose were running light when a broken flange under the engine cab was caught under the engine cab. He was cut about the head and sustained severe bruises on the right hip. He was unconscious when taken from beneath the cab. He was brought to this city and taken to St. Andrew's Hospital. He lives at No. 38 North Sixth street, St. Louis.